

## **8. Respiratory Protection 3CCR § 6739**

Scope:

- Employees when required by labeling, permit or regulation or employer policy.
- When employees wear respiratory equipment.

Verify that employees have been provided and are using the appropriate type of respirator as identified on the labeling, permit or regulation. Verify that the equipment is being used properly and has been properly maintained. See information on respiratory protection in Appendix 1.

A labeling statement of “Avoid breathing spray mist,” does not necessarily require the use of a respirator. See Compendium Volume 8, Section 3.1 for guidance.

Exemptions:

- When respirator use is allowed by the employer even though not required by labeling, permit or regulation, only certain parts of 3CCR § 6739 apply. (See voluntary respirator provisions in Appendix 1).
- Antimicrobial agents used as sanitizers, disinfectants or medical sterilants are exempt under the conditions of 3CCR § 6720.
- Consumer products see 3CCR § 6720(e).
- Other exemption not applicable to this inspection.

## **9. Handler(s) Trained 3CCR § 6724**

Scope: All employees who handle any pesticide.

Certified applicators are considered trained. Check “YES” for this requirement if all handlers are certified applicators. Employees who are licensed by the SPCB as operators or field representatives are considered trained for the purposes of this regulation. Employees licensed as structural applicators are not considered certified applicators per 3CCR § 6724(d) and do require training.

Employers must train employees before they handle pesticides, update the training to cover new pesticides, and repeat training at least annually (12-month period) thereafter. Initial training may be waived if an employee submits a record showing that training meeting the requirements of this regulation and covering the pesticides and use situations applicable to the new employment situation was received within the last year. Handler training performed in another state is not recognized due to the many unique aspects of California’s pesticide safety program.

Observe how the handler is performing his/her task. Does he/she appear to have received adequate training? Does the applicator follow the pesticide labeling directions? Does the applicator utilize required PPE appropriately? Were all precautions taken before the commencement of the application? During the application, does the applicator monitor the presence of residents and the application equipment? Interview the employee to determine who provided the training. Where was the training conducted? When was the training provided?

If the responses you receive and/or the behavior observed causes concern, perform a Headquarter and Employee Safety Inspection to verify the training status of the employee. Consider issuing a cease and desist order for the use activity if unsafe conditions are observed. See the Compliance Action section on page 26 for more information.

**Exemptions:**

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- Consumer products see 3CCR § 6720(e).

**10. Emergency Medical Care, Posting 3CCR § 6726**

**Scope:** All employees handling any pesticide.

Employers are required to post in a prominent place at the work site or on the work vehicle, the name, address, and telephone number of an emergency medical care facility. The employer must have contacted the medical facility in advance and assured that it is capable of handling pesticide exposure illness and injury. For employees who work in a wide geographical area, the employer must also post procedures for obtaining emergency medical care when the listed facility is not reasonably accessible. The local poison control center's number or a supervisor's name with no additional information is inadequate as is the displaying of "911". Medical care information in an employee's wallet or in the glove compartment of the work vehicle does not meet the requirements of this regulation.

**Exemptions:**

- Antimicrobial agents used as sanitizers, disinfectants or medical sterilants are exempt under the conditions of 3CCR § 6720.
- Consumer products see 3CCR § 6720(e).
- Other exemption not applicable to this inspection.

**11. Decontamination Facility "Danger / Warning" 3CCR § 6734**

**Scope:** For all pesticides.

For non-agricultural and structural settings - employees handling pesticides with the signal word "DANGER" or "WARNING".

**Contents:**

- Sufficient water
- Sufficient soap
- Sufficient single use towels
- One clean change of coveralls

**Location:**

Non-production agriculture and non-agricultural settings:

- Within 100 feet of the mixing and loading site.